

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHER EDUCATION

DATE: MAY 27, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: WILD

HOGAN

LEGGETT

BRAYMER

DIAMOND

DICKINSON

MAGOWAN

MCDEVITT

SEEBER

OTHERS PRESENT:

REPRESENTING PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER

SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS COORDINATOR

FRANK E. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN

RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY

AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD

KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS BEATY

DRISCOLL

MERLINO

SIMPSON

TAMMIE DeLORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

JACKIE FIGUEROA, COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JEREMY SCRIME, SENIOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYST/PROGRAMMER

MIKE SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER

PETER BAUER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PROTECT THE ADIRONDACKS

WILLIE JANEWAY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ADIRONDACK COUNCIL

FRED MONROE, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE ADIRONDACK

PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the May 27, 2020 meeting of the Economic Growth & Development and Higher Education Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <https://warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2020/economic/>

Note: As per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1: "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed". All of the Committee members participated via video or teleconference, aside from Messrs. Diamond and McDevitt who were physically present.

Mr. Wild called the meeting of the Economic Growth & Development and Higher Education Committee to order at 8:47 a.m.

Copies of the meeting agenda were distributed to those in attendance and those participating virtually accessed them via the Warren County website; a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.

The agenda review began with the Discussion Items section, continuing discussion regarding a request from the Planning & Community Development Department asking the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) to review and modify their cell tower regulations. Mr. Wild noted a draft resolution had been circulated outlining the issue and calling for

the APA to consider changing the criteria in their policy from “substantially invisible” to “not readily discernible”. *A copy of the draft resolution is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Before continuing discussion, Mr. Wild asked if there was a motion to approve the proposed resolution; motion was made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Ms. Seeber.

A lengthy discussion ensued, with input from Willie Janeway, *Executive Director of the Adirondack Council*, and Peter Bauer, *Executive Director of Protect the Adirondacks*, who spoke in favor of the current APA policy, and Fred Monroe, *Communications Director for the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board*, who spoke in favor of a change. At the conclusion of discussion, Mr. Wild called the question and the motion was carried by majority vote, with Ms. Braymer and Ms. Hogan voting in opposition, thereby authorizing the necessary resolution for the June 19th Board Meeting.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Wayne LaMothe, *County Planner*, who presented a last minute request not included in the agenda packet to extend the existing agreement with Advokate LLC in the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of additional graphics consistent with previous materials over the term commencing July 1, 2020 and terminating June 30, 2021.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 19th Board Meeting. *Copies of the request and supporting documentation are on file with the meeting minutes.*

Mr. Diamond left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Returning to the matter of the resolution asking the APA to review and modify their cell tower regulations, discussion was held relative to whether the resolution should be amended to include orders for distribution to other organizations; however, it was determined any such amendment should be made at the June Board Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously, Mr. Wild adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Allen, Clerk of the Board